Six major Covenants

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| **Covenants** | **Mediator and role** | **Blessings promised** | **Conditions (or curses)** | **Sign by which celebrated and remembered.** | **The form that is the result** |
| Adam | Adam in role as husband | Their union will be fruitful, fill earth and rule it | Not to eat of tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Disobedience: die | The Sabbath day if rest  (others say the tree of life) | *Marriage* bond between husband and wife  **One Holy Couple** |
| Noah | Noah in role as father of family | His family will be fruitful and fill the earth | Not to drink blood of animals or shed human blood | The rainbow | Domestic household, extended *family*  **One Holy Family** |
| Abraham | Abraham as the chieftain of tribe | Great land and nation | Circumcision | Circumcision | God’s family becomes a *tribe*  **One Holy Tribe** |
| Moses and Israelites | Moses in role as judge, liberator of Israel | They will God’s precious, chosen people | They must keep laws and commandments | Passover commemorating Israel’s birth as a nation | Formed as a holy nation, a kingdom of priests.  **One Holy Nation** |
| David and Kingdom of Israel | David in role as king. God promises to make David’s son His own son | Promises to give wisdom to all the nations | To punish David if he does wrong, but never take away kingdom | The throne and the temple to be built be David’s son Solomon | Formed as a royal empire, a national kingdom  **One Holy Kingdom** |
| Jesus and Church | Jesus in role of High Priest, through Cross and Resurrection | All the above promises are the blessings | Men and women who believe in Jesus be baptised, eat and drink his flesh and blood in the Eucharist and live all he taught | Eucharist | **Universal, worldwide kingdom,** which Jesus calls His Church  **One Holy Catholic Church** |

The Bible seen and read in this way tells the story of the origins and destiny of the human race.